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National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP) Area Exercise

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Jacksonville, Florida is soliciting for an industry volunteer to lead the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP) Industry Led Area Exercise during the fall of 2003. The COTP is looking for vessel operators for this NPREP drill.

The primary purpose of the area exercise is to activate and observe the response infrastructure in the area, and the ability of the entire response community to effectively conduct a spill response. The focus will be on the interaction between the responsible party and the federal, state, and local government to exercise both the Area Contingency Plan and the responsible party's plan. An industry plan holder that participates in an area exercise would not be required to participate in another area exercise including government led unannounced exercises for a minimum of 6 years. The industry plan holder can also get credit for the Triennial Exercise, if the exercise covers the entire response plan according to the NPREP guidelines.

Additional information on the NPREP program can be found on the web at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/response/msprep.pdf>

Companies interested in participating in a NPREP Industry Led Area Exercise should contact Lieutenant Commander Brian Penoyer at (904) 232-2640 ext. 111 or Lieutenant Doug Campbell at ext. 131.

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